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| STATE OF MINNESOTA) | |
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|) ss. | AFFIDAVIT OF Eric J. O'Denius |
| COUNTY OF RAMSEY) | |

Eric J. O'Denius, being duly sworn, deposes and states as follows:

- 1. I have been employed as a Deportation Officer with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) within the Department of Homeland Security since April 29, 2007. I have been continuously employed within the Department of Homeland Security, and the former Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), since September 14, 1997, when I began my career as a Detention Enforcement Officer. On September 25, 2004, I was promoted to Immigration Enforcement Agent (IEA). On June 11, 2006, I was promoted to Supervisory Immigration Enforcement Agent. On April 29, 2007, I was promoted to Deportation Officer.
- 2. As a Deportation Officer, my duties and responsibilities include overseeing the removal proceedings of aliens. I am also responsible for making arrests of aliens, reviewing alien files (commonly known as "A-files") in connection with the detention and release of aliens in ICE custody, and making custody determinations.
- 3. This Affidavit is based on my training, experience, personal knowledge, discussions with other law enforcement officers and agents directly involved in this investigation, and my review of official reports and documents related to this investigation.
- 4. This Affidavit is made for the purpose of establishing probable cause in support of a federal complaint and arrest warrant, and therefore contains only a summary of relevant facts. Based upon all the facts and information set forth in this Affidavit, I believe that probable cause exists to support that, on or about April 10, 2012, in the city of Stillwater, Washington County, in the State and District of Minnesota,

Christian Fernando RANGEL, a citizen and national of Mexico, unlawfully reentered and was found in the United States after having been previously removed, without having obtained the consent of the Attorney General or his successor, the Secretary of Homeland Security, to re-apply for admission to the United States, and that RANGEL's removal was subsequent to a conviction for commission of an aggravated felony, in violation of Title 8, United States Code, Sections 1326(a) and 1326(b)(2) and Title 6, United States Code, Sections 202 and 557.

- 5. On April 10, 2012, Defendant was encountered via the Criminal Alien Program (CAP) while detained by Washington County, city of Stillwater, Minnesota, by the ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) St. Paul Field Office CAP team. IEA Marnie Midby determined that Defendant was an alien present in the United States without proper immigration documents which would allow the Defendant to be in, pass through, or remain in the United States legally, and lodged a detainer. On April 13, 2012, Defendant was turned over to ICE officers pursuant to detainer and transported to the ICE office in Bloomington, MN for processing.
- 6. At the ICE facility, Defendant's fingerprints were rolled, scanned and electronically submitted into the Department of Homeland Security's Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT) and the Federal Bureau of Investigations Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). IDENT and IAFIS positively matched and linked Defendant's fingerprints to alien registration number A088 140 929, Federal Bureau of Investigations number 621137HC2 and DHS Fingerprint Identification number (FIN) 1116456989, revealing Defendant's previous

- immigration and criminal history.
- 7. On or about June 01, 2006, Defendant was convicted in the Ramsey County District Court, St. Paul, Minnesota of Drug Sale, First Degree, Methamphetamine, in violation of Minnesota Statute 152.021 subdivision 1 (1), and ordered confined for 62 months to prison, in Case Number K7-05-1035.
- 8. Based on IAFIS and IDENT identification of Defendant's prior history, I reviewed Defendant's unique immigration alien file (hereinafter "A-file") A88 140 929. Defendant's A-file file contains photographs, fingerprints and immigration documents identifying Defendant as a citizen and national of Mexico, who has been ordered removed and physically removed from the United States to Mexico on one (1) occasion prior to being found in the District of Minnesota in 2012. On July 2, 2008, Defendant was ordered removed from the United States to Mexico. On April 06, 2011, Defendant was removed from the United States to Mexico at Laredo, Texas, subsequent to his conviction and sentence for an Aggravated Felony.
- 9. Law enforcement has confirmed through fingerprints contained in Defendant's criminal history and immigration file that the individual named Christian Fernando RANGEL, referenced in those records is, in fact, the same person who is currently in ICE custody and was encountered on April 10, 2012, by Immigration and Customs Enforcement Officers.
- 10. Defendant is subject to removal as an alien who re-entered the U.S. without permission by the Attorney General or Secretary of Homeland Security as defined in INA Section 241(a)(5) codified under 8 USC 1231(a)(5). Defendant is currently

- detained in ICE custody as mandatory detention per INA Section 241(a)(2) codified under 8 USC 1231(a)(2) due to his illegal re-entry to the United States.
- 11. My investigation has revealed that Defendant is a citizen and national of Mexico who makes no claim to United States citizenship or lawful permanent residence status in the United States, nor does he have documents to enter, pass through, or remain in the United States.
- 12. My investigation has revealed that since his removal from the United States on April 6, 2011, Defendant has not applied for, nor received, permission to enter the United States from the Attorney General, his successor, the Secretary of Homeland Security, or any other designated and authorized representative.
- 13. Based on these facts, I have reason to believe that Christian Fernando RANGEL is in violation of 8 U.S.C. Section 1326(a) & (b)(2) and Title 6, United States Code, Sections 202 and 557, Re-entry after removal, in that Defendant was ordered removed, subsequently removed, and then found in the United States without consent of the Attorney General, or the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, following the conviction of an aggravated felony.

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14. Further Your Affiant Sayeth Not.

Eric J. O'Denius, Deportation Officer Immigration and Customs Enforcement

SUBSCRIBED and SWORN to Before Me

This 24 day of April, 2012.

JEANNE J. GRAHAM

United States Magistrate Judge